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- ☒ 2. The references 5-9 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 5 and 10-13 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 5 and 10-13.

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- ☒ 6. Reference 6 corresponds with Reference 10.
- ☒ 17. Reference 7 corresponds with Reference 11-13.

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